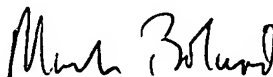


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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**The specification is changed as follows:**

**First Full Paragraph, Page 34:**

Test Example 25: Improving effect on skin roughening

The functional food of the present invention obtained in Example 7 (aqueous dispersion), the aqueous dispersions obtained in Comparative Examples 3 and 4, and a dispersion containing no sphingoglycolipids were tested for rough skin improving effects with cooperation of ten females suffering from skin roughening on the back of their hands. The dispersion containing no sphingoglycolipids was prepared by dissolving 1.5 g of decaglycerol monostearate (SY Glyster MSW-750, available from Sakamoto Yakuhin Kogyo Co., Ltd.) in 300 ml of water.

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